

Hello,

My name is Massimo Conturso and I am the uncle of a child on the autism spectrum. I live at 8 Wellington Drive, Farmington, CT. I strongly oppose SB 1105 because my nephew, and all children on the spectrum, like all other children in CT, have the right to a free appropriate public education. They cannot get this education unless properly trained educators design, implement and supervise this education. Staff who are not thoroughly trained in ABA CAN NOT design and supervise effective ABA programming that will enable our children to learn.

Passage of this bill will hurt my nephew and countless others. It will perpetuate financial reliance on the state of adults with autism who do not achieve independence because of inadequate education.

Thank you for your time.

Massimo Conturso